

How To Hold Up Under A Mistrial (Mark 14:53-65)

Proposition: Every follower of Jesus Christ can bare up under the mistrial of the godless world around us by following the three-fold example of our Lord Jesus.

I. He held up under an Untrue Accusation (Vs. 53-59)

- A. A Premeditated Accusation (Vs. 53)
- B. A Phony Accusation (Vs. 55-58)
- C. A Powerless Accusation (Vs. 59)

II. He held on to an Undeniable Actuality (Vs. 60-64)

- A. Undeniable in the Face of Rejection (Vs. 61)
- B. Undeniable in the Face of Reaction (Vs. 63)
- C. Undeniable in the Face of Repercussion (Vs. 64)

III. He held back through an Unwarranted Attack (Vs. 65)

- A. A Shocking Attack (Vs. 65a)
- B. A Striking Attack (Vs. 65c, e)
- C. A Cynical Attack (Vs. 65b, d)

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Our world has a certain fascination with trial proceedings these days. It's not difficult to find non-stop coverage of trial proceedings. I remember during the OJ Simpson trial not being able to turn the TV on w/o seeing into that court room drama. But no matter what the case is the whole reason for the trial is to get to the truth. We are to be living in a society whose justice system it to seek out the truth. But many times this does not happen. Whether by crooked judges, tampered juries, or lying witnesses a mistrial takes place and the verdict is recorded and the proceedings are started over. Although history is dotted with the scars of injustice man compare to the miscarriage of justice in our text. A Verdict that was compiled of form of lying deception imagined and that still stood. Where do we as believers stand in the courtroom of the world? Aside

I. He held up under an Untrue Accusation

Motivated by hate and envy they apprehended the lamb of God by night to cover their malicious...

merely a formality. The deliberation & verdict had
A. A Premeditated Accusation - Don't forget
what time of the day. It is night. Jewish
law from the Talmud forbade trial at night
and yet who do we find assembled in vs 53.

Their law said that accusation could not
be brought by a follower, death sentence was
to wait a day. This whole court was a premeditated
trap. We do have an enemy who is bent premeditated on your
destruction.

B. A Phoney Accusation - Jewish Law
prescribed that for testimony to agree it
must come by the mouth of 2 witnesses.
The must be matching testimony. When true
witnesses to his guilt could not be found false
were brought, yet they could not agree.

Barclay "Plenty of good testimony." Don't be surprised
by the lies that are concocted to bring down

C. A Powerless Accusation - The
impeccability of Jesus' life brought
down the facade of lies against
him. Without a word of defence the
prosecution's case crumbled. Let us live
such line of integrity and honesty that
when the accusations fly, they simply
will not hold water.

17. He held on to an Undeniable Actuality
Winston Churchill said: The truth
is incontrovertible. Malice may attack
it. Ignorance may distort it. But in the end

1) ...aside our blessed Lord. We too are the objects of misrepresentation and slander. Jesus said in John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. Our concern is not our path of defense but the path of our deliverer. Every follower of Jesus Christ can bare up under the mistrial of the godless world around us by following the three-fold example of our Lord Jesus.

2)...verdict had already been given. Yet despite their attempts their initial accusations did not hold water.

3)...bring down your testimony. Let the evil report of the accuser be overcome by the godly report of a majority.

1) ...asked our blessed Lord, we are the only ones who are not
and stander from within. In 1972, if the world had been told that
it hated a woman, it would have been a woman. Our country is not a woman, it is a
man. The truth is that we are a man. We are a man. We are a man. We are a man.
under the name of the world, we would have been a man. We are a man.
three-fold name of the world, we would have been a man. We are a man.
2) ...verdict had already been given, and we were to be judged. Their
initial accusation was that we were a man. We are a man.
3) ...thing that we were to be judged. But the fact is that we are a man.
come by the body of a man.

- 1) supersede the whom if the mother, or that marriage is to be reserved for the union of 1 man and 1 woman for all of life, or that no fault divorce is a plague to our society or that alcohol has no place in the life of a child of God, don't fear the reaction of the world!
- 2) Romans 3:4 ...let God be true, but every man a liar

there it is." The truth of the person of Jesus stands
A. Undeniable in the Face of Rejection -
The question - that the High Priest
Chaphas asked was one that was forbidden
by law. "It was forbidden to ask questions by
answering which the person on trial might in-
criminate himself. Throughout of hours
Jesus answered with the truth knowing that
he would be rejected. Despite the rejection tell the truth

B. Undeniable in the Face of Reaction -
The reaction was an uproar. A sudden
burst of rage. High priest did what
(once again) he was forbidden to do.
What a reaction. When we are under the
microscope of this world, don't
wince at the reaction of the world. When
you announce that the right of inborn supercedes

C. Undeniable in the Face of Reprocession
It was a unanimous verdict. (Altham
the vote was to be given one at a time from
the youngest to eldest) Death was the
reprocession that was to be faced
because of the truth. In Pakistan
just days ago your brothers and sisters
died for the testimony of Christ. Rom 3:4

III. He held back thru an Unrelenting Attack
Dr. Ian R. K. Paisley Pastor of Marrylton
Memorial Free Presb. Church also a Political
Leader in Northern Ireland, layed in his body

their small floor, for the slave that he stood on the

A. A Shocking Attack - The spit in his face. Oh the humiliation of such a vile act. The act of spitting was a placing of defilement upon someone. This attack would be shocking to say the least. When it comes to the attacks of the world, one thing is for sure, that can come from ⁽³⁾out of nowhere for

B. A Striking Attack - The face that was the first sight of many a blinded eye, the face in which hopeless and rejects lepers found pity and mercy. Smitten and struck by the hand of rejection! This is the path we are to follow! Is 63:3+7

C. A Cynical Attack - The response of the Lord Jesus alludes to his second coming. When he will return to judge the nations. When the roles will be reversed and he will stand a Judge and ex-ecutioner. What did they do. Tied a blindfold and demanded a prophecy of Him. How Cynical! Expect no less from this world.

IV. Close - John Weldon - Second of you. - So send of you to labor unrewarded to serve unpaid unless unsought unknown to to have rebuke to suffer scorn and scoffing
So send of you to love for me alone.

- 1) ..on the word of God. Here the Lord Jesus stands in the truth of God, suffering shame and abuse at the hands of liars.
- 2) ...for no real reason. Why does that co-worker or neighbor or family member suddenly release their venom on you? God only knows why. But stand. Hold back. 1 Peter 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:
- 3) Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
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